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SUBJECT: ALLEGED GOA ARMS REQUEST

1. A HIGH RANKING UCR POLITICIAN WHO HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT EMBASSY CONTACT ASKED EMBOFF IF HE WAS AWARE OF A GOA REQUEST TO USG TO PURCHASE ARMS. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, FONMIN VIGNES HAD ASKED ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO REQUEST 15 MILLION IN ARMS. SOURCE ADDED THAT ARMS, IF FURNISHED, WOULD BE CHARGED TO SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY ACCOUNT. SOURCE SAID HE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM GOA OFFICIAL ASSIGNED TO ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THE OFFICIAL FURTHER STATED USG HAD TURNED DOWN REQUEST.

2. EMBOFF DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED AFFAIR.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO BASIS ON WHICH TO JUDGE THIS INFORMATION. HOWEVER, GIVEN FACT THAT A PROMINENT UCR POLITICIAN AND CLOSE CONFIDENT OF UCR LEADER BALBIN BELIEVES STORY IS VERY DISTURBING. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS ANY INFORMATION DEPT MIGHT HAVE ON ORIGIN OF THIS ALLEGATION.

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